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SUBJECT: PL-480 FOR HAITI: CANADIAN REACTION

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1. DEPARTMENT MAY 5 SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO C.D.

CALDWELL, COUNSELLOR OF CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR
AGRICULTURE, UNDER SIGNATURE OF ARA/CAR COUNTRY DIRECTOR
HEWITT: (CALDWELL HAD SENT HEWITT TEXT OF GOC AIDE
MEMOIRE REPLY TO OUR APPROACH ON PL-480 TITLE III FOR
HAITI--REFTEL).

2. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. CALDWELL:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNICATION OF APRIL 24, FORWARDING
TO ME A COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTED TO OUR DEPUTY
CHIEF OF MISSION IN OTTAWA, CONCERNING OUR PROPOSED
PL-480 TITLE III PROGRAM FOR HAITI.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE
PROPOSED TITLE III PROGRAM THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT INSTEAD

TO PROVIDE HAITI WITH TITLE I ASSISTANCE. THE CONTEM-

PLATED TITLE I PROGRAM, WHICH HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INTER-
AGENCY APPROVAL, SHOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT DOLS 11 MILLION,
AND AMONG OTHER COMMODITIES PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 30,000
METRIC TONS OF WHEAT. THE WHEAT UMR WOULD BE COMPUTED
IN THE STANDARD WAY AND WE WILL NATURALLY BE CONSULTING
WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, MOST NOTABLY YOUR OWN,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SURPLUS DISPOSAL
RECOMMENDED BY THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF PRO-
VIDING HAITI WITH TITLE III ASSISTANCE DURING OUR NEXT
FISCAL YEAR (BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1978), HOWEVER, AND WILL
BE COMMUNICATING FURTHER WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THIS
MATTER.

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3. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN RESPONSE TO ANY
FURTHER GOC INQUIRY ON STATUS OF OUR PL-480 PROPOSALS
FOR HAITI. VANCE

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